

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 4-8, 10, 11, 13 and 14 are pending in the present application. By this Response, claims 7 and 13 are amended. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 7 and 13 are amended to correct a typographical error in the punctuation of the claims.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Herring and Supervisory Examiner Barron for participating in a telephone interview with Applicants on August 30, 2006. During the interview, the rejection of claims 5, 10, and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed towards non-statutory subject matter was discussed. The Examiners stated that in order to put the application in condition for immediate allowance, Applicants may amend the specification to remove the last two sentences in a paragraph beginning on page 8, line 11 through page 9, line 4. These two sentences (Specification, page 9, lines 1-4) read:

Transmission media includes coaxial cables, copper wire or fiber optics, including the wires that comprise bus 22. Transmission media can also take the form of acoustic or light waves, such as those generated during radio wave or infrared data communications.

In response, Applicants have amended the application according to the Examiners' recommendation as reflected in the Amendments to the Specification section above.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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